

THE LATTER-DAY SAINTS' MILLENNIAL STAR.

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"Hear the voice of my supplications when I cry unto thee, when I lift up my hands toward thy holy oracle" (PSALMS 28:2).

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EIGHTY-NINTH ANNUAL GENERAL CONFERENCE.

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THE SECOND SESSION.

President Heber J. Grant called the second session of conference to order promptly at 2 o'clock. The seating arrangement was in the manner generally prevailing at sessions of general conference, with the authorities on the stand in their usual places; the auxiliary organizations seated in their regular places, the Relief Society officers, with Mrs. Emmeline B. Wells at their head, in their places north of the pulpit; and mission presidents immediately facing the stand.

The big auditorium was crowded beyond its normal capacity, and many stood at every entrance, making overflow meetings necessary.

The opening song was "Guide us, O Thou Great Jehovah." The opening prayer was by President Moses W. Taylor, of Summit stake. The second musical number was "Hope thou in God," tabernacle choir and solo part by Edna Gothberg.

The first speaker was President Charles W. Penrose. He said the sight from the pulpit was a splendid one, but even grander was the sight presented by the special seating of the morning session. That, he said, was a solemn assemblage of the priesthood of the Church; no such sight could be seen in any other congregation in all the world. This order of priesthood is not of man, but is divine. The priesthood is one united body, proving, as the apostle of old said, "One Lord, one faith, one baptism." President Penrose said he thanks God with all his soul that he was privileged to be present when the priesthood and membership of the Church sustained President Heber J. Grant and the other general authorities of the Church. He said he did not have the privilege of knowing the Prophet Joseph Smith, personally, but

he received, as a young man, a testimony that Joseph was a prophet of God and that the Lord had opened the heavens and through the instrumentality of Joseph Smith had restored the true and everlasting gospel. The greatest thing on earth is the divine Church set up in this dispensation.

President Penrose said he was present when the late President John Taylor was sustained as president of the Church. He knew President Brigham Young and all his successors, and bore testimony that all were true prophets of God in the position each as president of the Church held. He was present when our beloved President Joseph F. Smith was sustained, and he was glad to have been present when his successor was sustained.

Brigham Young was a great man. He accomplished what he did by the help of God, for the powers behind the veil are with the Church and its leaders. The influence of the powers of eternity will guide the Church, and through this agency will come peace and concord and the union of men, when the spirit of God is sufficiently poured out from on high. The reign of peace, spoken of by all the prophets, will come, said President Penrose, but it will come not by any power of man, but by the preaching of righteousness and the doing of the will of God.

President Penrose said he takes pleasure in adding his share of tribute to the leaders of the Church, and especially to the late President Joseph F. Smith, whom he loved with all his heart, and by whom he is proud to say he was loved in turn. He first met President Smith, about 59 years ago in Liverpool. When they first struck hands, he said, they felt they were kindred spirits. It was through President Smith's ministry that he was called to the apostleship and later as a counselor to him in the First Presidency. President Penrose spoke of President Joseph F. Smith as a man of God, kind, loving, firm, accurate, broadminded; and when in the great eternal world men shall take their places, the speaker averred the late President Smith will be a leader among leaders. President Penrose said he is a firm believer in the power and influence of those holding the priesthood who have passed beyond the veil. President Joseph F. Smith will stand by President Heber J. Grant, when need be, and guide him with his power and influence. The time will come when those holding the priesthood who have passed beyond will minister, in person, in the temples here on this earth.

He said there are some thoughts of which he felt sure President Smith would speak if he were present in person. One was the divinity of the mission of Jesus the Christ, and another the power of the priesthood. Another: Members of the Church belong to the body of Christ, and there is no need for members to go outside of it for anything on earth, particularly in a religious, spiritual or social sense. This is not new, but it should be impressed anew on the minds of the saints. Within the Church is all that its

members need; no need to join other organizations or associations. This is not saying anything against those who see differently, but as for the saints. let them keep out of entangling alliances. In the order of the Holy Priesthood all things for the welfare of the Lord's people are embraced, and there is no need to join other orders. In these perilous times, when marvelous things are taking place and still more marvelous things will shortly take place, it is well for the saints to stand in holy places; not to waste their time and talents in orders and societies that shall perish and pass away; but to give their time and talents to the work of the Lord and to be prepared for any marvelous event that may come to pass. This, he felt sure, would be the admonition of President Joseph F. Smith if he were present in person: That the saints withdraw their support and influence from orders not of God, and give their entire support, influence, time and talent, to the priesthood and auxiliary organizations of the Church.

Edith Grant Young sang, "Who Are These Arrayed in White," the favorite hymn of the late President John R. Winder.

The next speaker was President Rudger Clawson. He spoke of the "Glorious morning meeting, a most inspiring event and scene." The voting indicated to him an irresistible, compelling power. He was reminded of the saying: "In union there is strength." And surely, the Latter-day Saints are strong, for they have a united priesthood and people. Where could be found, in all the world, a galaxy of such men as Joseph Smith, Brigham Young, John Taylor, Wilford Woodruff, Lorenzo Snow and Joseph F. Smith. They were pure, good men, free from the sins of the world and men whom the saints could safely follow. Elder Clawson said he loved the late President Joseph F. Smith with all his heart; loved him for his pureness of heart, for his great, lovable soul, for the kind and righteous words of counsel that fell from his lips. His words of wisdom will never die, and his influence will remain forever with the Church. Elder Clawson read utterances of the late President Joseph F. Smith at general conference in April 1902, in which he exhorted the saints to honor the priesthood and ordinances of the gospel, and to rear their children in the fear of God; he gave also a fervent testimony borne by the late lamented leader at that time of the divinity and breadth of the gospel. If the saints will take the words and teachings of President Joseph F. Smith to heart, and put them into practice, they will be saved and exalted in the kingdom of God.

Elder George Albert Smith was the next speaker. In presenting Elder Smith, President Grant said Elder Smith departs within a week for Europe to preside over the European mission. Elder Smith said when the saints vote to sustain their leader it means not only a formal showing of support, but it means that they covenant to support him in action and deed, in the position in which they have sustained him. He said the tender love in the

temperament of the late President Joseph F. Smith will linger always in the memory of those who knew him. He told how President Smith began his labor in the ministry in his childhood, almost his infancy, and ever and always was stalwart in his defense of the truth. He related how President Smith crossed the plains as a boy, but a man in determination to do right and accomplish his work in this life; how as a youth he filled a mission in the Hawaiian islands, and in young manhood a mission in Europe. He spoke of President Smith's wonderful personality and character; how strangers were impressed with his greatness and unusual bearing. He said he is thankful that he has had the benefit of the influence of the spirit of such a life and character as President Joseph F. Smith.

Elder Smith paid tribute to other leaders of the Church, testifying that all were true servants of God. Let saints think not, he said, that they can gain the blessings earned by President Smith if they do less than he did in righteousness; and this, he went on, does not mean that it is necessary to be a president of the Church, but every member of the Church can labor in righteousness and attain the same great blessings. The world, to-day, is in distress. Men are bewildered, for their own wisdom is failing them and they are seeking blindly for light and truth. If they but knew it the gospel is the panacea that will bring peace on earth and harmony and accord. He read from the Doctrine and Covenants an exhortation given to the saints to serve the Lord with all their might, mind and strength. Now that the barriers are down to the spread of the gospel, he said, let all Latter-day Saints prepare to preach the gospel to all the world, to go on missions, wherever it is possible to go.

Elder Smith said this is his opportunity to tell the saints good-bye, for he is going to Europe on a mission. He expressed the fervent gratitude of his soul that he has been called to go, exhorted the saints to pray always for the spirit of God to guide them through the perilous times coming, and asked the saints to support in very deed the leaders whom they this day had voted with uplifted hands to sustain. He said he hoped the influence of the life of the late President Joseph F. Smith would remain in the lives of Latter-day Saints forever.

The next speaker was Elder Orson F. Whitney. He said he has rarely if ever, written an address, but as his time was so limited he had written what he desired to say of the late President Joseph F. Smith. He was a wonderful man. Next to his love of God and God's work was his love for his family. And what a wonderful family! Not a black sheep, not a wanderer. His paternal love began at home, but did not end there. He loved all children, and one of his greatest pleasures was to entertain people in his home. His tender care for the aged and his love for children were outstanding characteristics.

"Safety first," was his business policy. Like Longfellow's blacksmith, he "owed not any man," and this was his policy as to the finances of the Church. His presidency was marked by great building activities and those who might have criticized him for too much temporal activity forgot that from the Mormon point of view the spiritual includes the temporal. He was a forceful preacher of righteousness; outstanding among his characteristics was courage; from youth to death he was a stalwart among his people. What made Joseph F. Smith a great man? Two things, said Elder Whitney. First, he was a big, broad-minded man and, second, he had constantly with him the Spirit of God. The one may be called the machinery, said Elder Whitney, the other the power that moves or impels it. He related how when the late Elder Newel K. Whitney was called to be the presiding bishop of the Church, he told the Prophet Joseph Smith he could not see a bishop in himself. The prophet answered: "The Lord can," and he told Elder Newel K. Whitney to pray to God for strength and ability to fill the position to which he was called. He did this, said the speaker, and filled the position with the help of the Lord in a manner second to none in efficiency in that high and holy calling. So it was with Joseph Smith the prophet, with Brigham Young, John Taylor, Wilford Woodruff, Lorenzo Snow, Joseph F. Smith. They were great men, but without the power of God they could not have accomplished what they did. And so is it, said Elder Whitney, with President Heber J. Grant. He is a big man, kind, talented—he is the machine which the spirit and power of God will put in motion to accomplish whatever He has for him to do. Every president of the Church has been the man needed at that particular time, said Elder Whitney, and so it will be with President Grant: he will do the work God has for him to accomplish, with the help of the Lord and with the support of the saints.

The choir and congregation sang one verse of "The Spirit of God like a fire is burning." The closing musical number was the anthem, "Praise." Benediction by President Heber S. Allen.

THE THIRD SESSION.

At the opening of the third session of the general conference, President Grant read the following report, the information being compiled from the annual reports of the year 1918:

Statistics.—During the year 1918, there were 14,761 baptisms and 15,963 children were blessed. There were 5,752 deaths, which is the largest number on record for many years. Of this number, 1,054 died of influenza and 862 died of pneumonia.

Military.—Over 20,000 members of the Church were in the military service of the United States and its Allies at the close of the year 1918; of this number, 383 died in the service. We should have been allowed not less than 20 chaplains and we made ap-

plication for permission to furnish our quota, but for some reason, unknown to us, we were only allowed to furnish three chaplains, two of whom saw active service at the front in France.

Priesthood.—There has been a better attendance of the priesthood at the ward weekly meetings, but there are still 9,078 persons who hold the priesthood whom the Bishops report are willing to labor but have not been assigned to any duties in the stakes or wards.

Tithes.—There has been a considerable increase in the amount of tithes paid for the year 1918. The tithing has been well handled by the bishops. Very little loss has been incurred, except through the failure to find a market for the larger potato crop of 1917.

Temple work.—There were 175,525 baptisms for the dead performed in the temples, and there were 78,001 endowments for the living and dead. The Hawaiian temple is now practically completed, at a cost of about \$200,000. The Cardston temple is nearing completion and will cost, when finished, about \$600,000.

Sacrament Meetings.—In consequence of the quarantine and conditions prevailing during the epidemic of influenza in the latter part of the year 1918, the attendance at Sacrament meetings has fallen off, and the visits of the ward teachers have not been as regular as in other years.

Finances.—The following are some of the expenditures paid out of the tithes and other Church funds during the year 1918: There has been expended for assisting the worthy poor, \$279,244.30; for missionary work and building of meeting houses in the missions, mission houses and return fare of elders, \$345,761.51; for the maintenance and operation of the Church school system, including the erection of new school buildings, \$695,561.70; for the maintenance and operation of the St. George, Logan, Manti and Salt Lake temples, \$170,000.00; for the construction and equipment of the Hawaiian and Cardston temples, \$340,036.17; for the erection of meeting houses (this does not include donations for the same purpose by members of the respective wards), \$288,766.76; for the maintenance of stakes and wards in all their various departments, \$526,002.91.

The overflow meetings held in the Assembly Hall and in the open air Temple grounds were dedicated to paying tributes of love and respect to the memory of President Joseph F. Smith. They were eloquently addressed by the following named elders speaking to thousands of people unable to gain admittance to the overcrowded Tabernacle:

Joseph Fielding Smith, Patriarch Hyrum G. Smith, Richard R. Lyman, Stephen L. Richards, James E. Talmage, Bishops C. W. Nibley, David A. Smith, John Wells, and Elder Melvin J. Ballard.

At the Sunday morning session in the Assembly Hall the first seven Presidents of the Seventies were the speakers. Beautiful tributes to the life of the late President Joseph F. Smith were paid

by the several speakers. His life was extolled as that of a true servant of God, and the speakers dealt at length with his many great and good qualities. Elder Seymour B. Young presided. The other members of the seven presidents, each of whom spoke, in the order named, are Elders B. H. Roberts, J. Golden Kimball, Rulon S. Wells, Joseph W. McMurrin, Charles H. Hart and Levi Edgar Young. The opening prayer was offered by Elder Levi Edgar Young, and Elder Kimball pronounced the benediction. The music was under the direction of Professor Cecil Gates.

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SHOULD THE SAVIOR COME.

It is not an uncommon thing to hear people, in these times as in the past, expressing a longing for the companionship and teachings of the primitive disciples of our Lord. Oh! they say, had we lived in those days, how differently we should have acted toward the Master! A characteristic brushing aside of such expressions, falling from the insincere lips of many strictly modern professors of adoring Divinity is accredited to the Scottish sage:

"How would the world treat Jesus to day?" One evening at a small literary gathering at which Thomas Carlyle was present, a fashionable lady was bewailing the wickedness of the Jews in not receiving Christ, and ended her remarks against them by expressing her regret that He had not appeared in her own time. "How delighted," she said, "we should have been, to throw our doors open to Him and listen to His divine precepts! Don't you think so, Mr. Carlyle?"

Thus appealed to Carlyle said, "No, madam, I don't. I think that, had He come very fashionably dressed, with plenty of money, and preaching doctrines palatable to the higher order, I might have had the honor of receiving from you a card of invitation, on the back of which would be written: "To meet our Saviour": but if he had come uttering His sublime precepts, and denouncing the Pharisees and associating with the publicans and the lower orders, as He did, you would have treated Him much as the Jews did, and cried out: "Take Him to Newgate, and hang Him!"

PRAYERS BEFORE BATTLE.—"O God, assist our side; at least, avoid assisting the enemy, and leave the result to me," was the prayer of Leopold, Prince of Anhalt Dessau, on entering battle.

"God, Thon knowest how much I have to do to-day; if I forget Thee, do not forget me!" was the prayer of Lord Ashley, a Royalist general, who commanded the last remnant of the army of Charles I.

"Put your trust in God, and be sure to see that your powder is dry," said Oliver Cromwell to his troops.

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EDITORIAL

GREETING:

To the Latter-day Saints of the European Mission:

Following in the footsteps of my grandfather, who was one of the first Apostles of the latter days to proclaim the gospel in England, 1840-1, and of my father, who labored here as a traveling elder in 1874-5, and again in 1882-5 as President of the mission, it is with peculiar emotions that I take up my labors as President of the European Mission. I realize that we are living in an important period in the world's history. With new, strained conditions confronting the nations, and a spirit of unrest rife almost everywhere, among the children of men. I, therefore, sense the great responsibility assumed in meeting them, and most earnestly desire divine guidance in the discharge of my duties. The world is in travail. The adversary is losing no opportunity to foment strife and discord. It is his plan to discourage the human family and lead them from the pathway marked out by the Master. Many are desirous of knowing the truth, but are adversely influenced by their surroundings, and the teachings of the day; so that they are unable to understand the message or to make the sacrifice necessary to lead them into the marvelous light of the everlasting gospel. As predicted in the Scripture, it is only "one of a city and two of a family" who can humble themselves sufficiently to become identified with the Church, that is everywhere spoken against.

I congratulate you, my brethren and sisters, that you are numbered among the few who have received a testimony of the truth. "Flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven." It is a wonderful favor bestowed upon you, and carries with it a great responsibility. Being warned, the obligation is upon you to warn your neighbors and, with kindness and love unfeigned, seek to lead them from the disappointment that surely awaits them, if they fail to become members of the fold of Christ.

The signs of the times indicate the rapid unfolding of the purposes of God. The time is near at hand when our ministry will be directed especially to the House of Israel, when God shall bring about the restoration of His chosen people in strength and power. It is for us to be prepared for every event of His providence.

Let each of us examine himself, discover his weaknesses, and repent of them before it is too late. When we are weighed in the

balance, let us not be found wanting. Let us be sufficiently interested in the salvation of men to exercise a holy zeal for their conversion; that we may enjoy their eternal gratitude and love, and the appreciation of our Heavenly Father, because of our unselfish interest in His children.

Under the wise leadership of President George F. Richards the work here has progressed, notwithstanding the unfavorable conditions incident to the war. The Lord has inspired him to call many of you into active service. The ordination of a number of young men to the Melchizedek priesthood and appointing them to preside and labor in the conferences, and the appointment of a large number of young women to do missionary work marks an era in the history of this mission, which is bound to become memorable. Your response has been most gratifying, and the result is already a vindication of his good judgment. Remember his teachings that have been given you in gentleness and love. Apply the same in your lives, and you will continue to progress toward the goal we all desire to reach.

With my wife and two children, I come to the mission imbued with a desire to be a blessing to you and all whom I may be able to influence. Assisted by good, capable associates at headquarters, and faithful men and women in the field. I look with pleasant anticipation for a fruitful harvest of honest souls. With full confidence that the Lord will incline the hearts of all worthy people to the gospel when they understand it, let us unitedly avail ourselves of the opportunity to labor while there is yet time. Let us disseminate the teachings of the Master for the salvation, both temporal and spiritual, of the good people of Great Britain and the other countries of the European mission. Looking forward to pleasant association with you all, I am, sincerely your brother in the cause of our Lord.

GEORGE ALBERT SMITH.

THE JUNE CONFERENCES.

PROBABLY never before in the history of the Church has there been held such a series of conferences of its people, as took place during the first eight days in June 1919.

Beginning on Sunday June 1st, the General Annual Conference of the Church, postponed from April on account of the influenza epidemic, at the time prevailing, was held, lasting three days. The full account of the meetings held in the Tabernacle and brief synopses of the overflow meetings will occupy the most of our space in our current number, and in the one previous and the one to follow.

Upon Sunday evening, the Sunday-school Union conference was held, and in the early morning of the same day, a conference of

Religion Class officials and workers. The Church School Teachers conference was held on June 4th.

Upon June 4th and 5th the Relief Society conference occupied the time, and on the 6th, 7th and 8th the joint annual conference of the Young Men's and Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement Associations and the Primary Association was held.

Statistical and other interesting representations of the Church and its Auxiliary Associations as brought out in this series of wonderful meetings follow. What a disclosure of virility, of deep seated religious devotion to the principles and purposes of this great Latter-day work the facts and figures produce! Verily, if by their works they shall be known, the Latter-day Saints may confidently challenge the criticism of the world on the proposition that theirs is the work of the Lord God of Heaven, and cannot be otherwise accounted for.

At the Religion Class conference the general board members in attendance were Joseph W. McMurrin, Hyrum G. Smith, John Wells, H. H. Cummings, Harold Reynolds and P. Joseph Jensen.

Assistant Superintendent Rudger Clawson gave an introductory address in part as follows:

"The Religion Class was organized in the days of President Woodruff, and had a very small beginning. But since that time it has grown to rather large proportions. When one comes to review the Religion Class work and what it means to the Church he finds some rather surprising facts. In 1918 there were enrolled in the organization 3,589 officers and teachers, and 26,712 members, making a total of 30,301 workers. Some 7,431 sessions were held in the year, with an average attendance of 17,878, or 59 per cent."

The Church School teachers conference held several sessions, at which the newly organized Latter-day Saints Commission of Education was represented in interesting remarks by Commissioners Stephen L. Richards, David O. McKay and R. R. Lyman. The annual report of Church Schools was read by Superintendent H. H. Cummings. Musical numbers were rendered, and a social held at night on the roof of Joseph F. Smith Memorial hall. There were 200 teachers present, representing 22 Church schools and 19 seminaries, located from Mexico to Canada.

Educational subjects were discussed by Elders Melvin J. Ballard, H. A. Dixon, Dr. E. H. Gowans, George S. Romney, J. Karl Wood and Roy A. Walker.

The themes embraced the following: Obligation of teachers to the schools, compensation of teachers, health education, school credits for Church activities, and how to make missionary classes function.

The Deseret Sunday School Union conference was held in the Tabernacle, Sunday evening, June 1st. The building was filled to its capacity. General Superintendent David O. McKay presided. Elder Lawrence W. Richards, the secretary, presented statistics

from the annual report for 1918. He called attention to the fact that the first Sunday school of the Church was organized December 9th, 1849, by Richard Ballantyne, with an enrollment of 50 members. The report showed that there were in the various stakes 935 schools, and in the missions 495, or a total of 1430; that male officers and teachers numbered 9,520, and female officers and teachers, 10,810, or a total of 20,330. The attendance of officers and teachers in the stakes was 63 per cent, and in the missions 80 per cent, while enrollment in the various departments of the schools was as follows; Parents, 13,533; theological, 36,280; second intermediate, 35,775; primary, 26,265; kindergarten, 30,616; cradle roll, 12,482; board members, 597, making a grand total of 192,389. The membership showed 67,336 boys and 78,104 girls, with an average attendance in the stakes of 56 per cent, and in the missions 67 per cent. The total enrollment in 1917 was 195,168, revealing an apparent loss of 2,782, which was more than overcome by adding 7,500 Sunday-school workers in government service at the end of the year, and which showed a net gain rather than a loss, of 4,718. It was reported that the largest Sunday-school membership in the Church was in Granite stake, with an enrollment of 5,437, and the largest school in the Church was that of LeGrand ward, in Liberty Stake, with an enrollment of 849.

The speakers were President Grant, Stephen L. Richards, George D. Pyper and D. O. McKay. Beautiful music and inspired instructions made the meeting delightful.

The Relief Society conference held four sessions. The first two designed, especially, for reports from, and instructions to officers, were addressed by the aged president, Mrs. Emmeline B. Wells, now in her 91st year, her counselors, Mesdames W. N. Williams and Julia L. Smith, and the following ladies: Cora Kasius, Ida Smoot Dusenberry, Donetta S. Kesler, Annie D. Palmer, Beth Bradford, Sarah Jenne Cannon, Ruth May Fox, Alice Reynolds, Florence M. Cain, Ethel R. Smith and by Elder David O. McKay. Social Service was the main theme dwelt upon by the speakers; besides interesting discourses upon teacher training classes, health, charity, care of children, home economics, legislation for women, Book of Mormon lessons, genealogical studies, and the rehabilitation of injured soldiers.

At the public sessions held on the second day, the Assembly Hall was crowded to its capacity by the women assembled there. Their beloved President Emmeline B. Wells, delivered a hearty address of welcome, referring to the changes brought about by the great world war, and by which openings were to be made for the expansion of missionary work that would bring so many thousand converts to the Church. She also spoke at the close of the conference and pronounced the benediction.

Counselor Mrs. Williams stated that the present membership of the Relief Society is 42,380 women, but that it should be increased

fifty per cent. She referred to the splendid war record of the Society and in aid of the Red Cross and Liberty Bonds, which had been made without in any degree lessening the regular work of the organization. One item she mentioned was preparing 2,067 bodies of the dead for burial.

Counselor Mrs. Smith spoke of the necessity of mothers keeping their word to children, and she deplored the increase of cigarette smoking by boys returning home from military service. Mrs. Sarah Eddington presented the following, which was adopted:

"Resolved, that we join with the general social advisory committee in establishing a weekly half-holiday in all communities, with the aim of securing a love and reverence for the sacred Sabbath day."

Mrs. Lillian Richards, nurse, spoke upon nursing in epidemics, and Mrs. May J. Miller, of the Australian mission, made an interesting address, in which she told of the occasion when a company of Australian soldiers had been sworn in on a Book of Mormon in the absence of a Bible; the officer in charge taking a Mormon member's word for it that the book was a sacred one.

At the closing session of this enjoyable conference the speakers were Elder A. W. Ivins and President Heber J. Grant, who spoke most interestingly upon the Book of Mormon, which is the special study of the Relief Society for the current year, and the following resolution was presented by Mrs. Emily S. Richards, President of the State American Woman Suffrage Association, and unanimously adopted by the 2,000 women present:

"The general board and officers of the Relief Society, representing 50,000 voting women, in conference assembled, voice our joy and gratitude in the final triumph of equal suffrage, which Congress has just granted to the women of this nation. We congratulate the noble women of our nation who have led this valiant fight. The day dawn is breaking! Woman's star is in the east! Thank God our Utah delegation voted right."

The Mutual Improvement Association conference occupied three days. The slogan adopted and commented upon at each session was: "We stand for spiritual growth through attendance at sacrament meetings."

A campaign was begun to increase the membership to 100,000, and campaign badges were distributed bearing the legend "M. I. A. I will work for 100,000." The new general superintendent, Anthony W. Ivins, presided, and Mrs. Martha H. Tingey, President of the Y. L. M. I. A., made the opening address.

Separate meetings of the officers of the Y. M. and Y. L. Association were held, at which reports were given and subjective work fully discussed by able speakers, among them George J. Cannon, B. F. Grant, John W. Taylor, B. S. Hinckley, Stephen L. Richards, Ruth May Fox, Clarissa A. Beesley, Ann M. Cannon, and Lucy Grant Cannon.

At the Sunday, June 8th, afternoon session, the speakers were introduced by President Grant. They were Ernest P. Horsley and assistant superintendent B. H. Roberts, who delivered a powerful discourse upon themes of current interest in the development of the work of God, illustrated by the expansion of the Church in its boundaries and activities.

A Testimony meeting in the morning, and the evening session, were reported as follows:

M. I. A. officers convened for a testimony session Sunday morning in the Assembly Hall at 8:30 a. m. It was followed by a joint officers' meeting in the tabernacle at 10 a. m. Assistant Superintendent B. H. Roberts presided, and a feature of the session was the selection played by the M. I. A. Boy Scout band.

Miss Zella Lindsay, of Blackfoot, Idaho, the third contestant in the M. I. A. public speaking final, gave her speech on "The Necessity of Looking After Little Things," and was awarded the gold pin offered by the M. I. A. boards. Assistant Superintendent Richard R. Lyman outlined the 100,000 membership campaign, and stated that each stake would be expected to secure 10 per cent of its membership for enrollment in the M. I. A. He asked for a standing vote of all those who would help to put the campaign over.

President E. J. Wood of Alberta stake, outlined the value of M. I. A. work in his stake. Lorenzo Young and Mollie Higginson spoke on "What the M. I. A. Has Done for Me." Claude Richards spoke on "Advertising the M. I. A.," and E. P. Horsley told how to hold the 100,000 membership when it was secured.

At the evening service in the Tabernacle, Mrs. Ruth May Fox spoke on the new M. I. A. slogan and also Elder Melvin J. Ballard. Mrs. Zina Y. Card of the general Primary board spoke on the value of the sacrament meeting from the point of view of the Primary worker and Mrs. Martha A. Tingey announced that in November the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of the Y. L. M. I. A. would occur. The general officers of the Y. L. M. I. A., Y. M. M. I. A. and Primary associations were sustained by unanimous vote. President Heber J. Grant made the closing address.

Aside from the two conjoint public sessions held with the M. I. A. in the Tabernacle Sunday afternoon and evening, Primary workers of the Church held a testimony meeting in the morning in Barratt hall. President Louie B. Felt conducted the meeting, and musical numbers included singing by the congregation and a violin solo by Miss Melba Lindsay.

Many reunions of returned missionaries and members of conferences from all the Church missions, were held in various ward chapels during this conference period, which undoubtedly assembled more people in their varied Church associations than were ever before brought together.

J. F. W.

MINUTES OF DISTRICT MEETINGS AT BRADFORD.

SUNDAY, June 29th, 1919, a conference was held in Bradford of all the branches of the Leeds conference, in three sessions.

There were in attendance: President and Sister George F. Richards, and President George Albert Smith, of the European mission, and Chaplain Calvin Smith of the United States Army. The following traveling elders were also present: President James E. Rennie and Elder Leonard A. Higgins, of the Scottish conference, President Nicholson Elliott of the Newcastle conference, President Harry Greenall, of the Nottingham conference, and President Arnold G. Holland, and Elders Leonard H. Whipple, Reginald H. Sanders and Clement LeRoy Atterton of the Leeds conference. President Holland presided. Sacrament was administered, after which two duets were rendered by Sisters Ada Kershaw and Evelyn Craven, and Sisters Emily and Nellie Briggs.

The morning session was devoted to auxiliary organization work, and missionary activities; speakers interested in these phases of the work had been assigned to treat the same. The choir rendered an anthem.

President George Albert Smith expressed pleasure in being able to attend this conference and meet so many of the members of the Church so soon after his arrival in England. Said the adversary is busy deceiving people in the world, and some would have to be stricken down as Saul and Alma of old, before a reformation could be brought about. Closed with a strong admonishment to the saints to let their light shine before all men, as the Lord would that we should, and we shall receive a "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of thy Lord."

The afternoon session. After the usual opening exercises President James E. Rennie spoke, expressing pleasure at being permitted to meet with the saints of the Leeds conference. The speaker explained the purpose of this life, and the possibilities that are open to mortal man with the truth.

President Elliott expressed great joy received since being called as a missionary, and related experiences of missionary life.

President Greenall referred to the fact that peace had been signed, and said that the only real and lasting peace will be in the gospel and kingdom of Heaven, when our Savior will be crowned as Lord of lords, and King of kings.

Elder Higgins said he was glad to see so many familiar faces, and referred to the signs of the times. Said Christ's second coming was near at hand.

Elder Atterton bore testimony to the truth of the gospel, and expressed the hope that he would be able to fulfill a good, faithful mission.

President Richards was the concluding speaker. He referred

to the fact that it takes courage to become a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; many have done so at the sacrifice of all they possess in this world. The speaker said that the Lord chose the weak things of the world to confound the wise. Those who are teachable are of the most service to the Lord; as evidence, witness the array of young, humble elders on the stand. President Richards expressed pride in them, and told the saints to sustain them, and the spirit of the Lord would be with them; but in failing to do so, the spirit of the Lord would withdraw from them. The wisdom of the world shall come to naught, and the humble servant of the Lord will possess the greatest strength and power in the world for good.

During this session vocal solos were rendered by Sisters Elizabeth Clapham and Lily Walton.

The evening session convened at six o'clock, with the hall packed to its fullest capacity.

Chaplain Calvin Smith first addressed the meeting. It is clearly shown that God is at work among the nations of the world, bringing His purposes to pass. The great war, now terminated, had been caused partially by circumstances wherein it had seemed to Prussia that militarism was necessary, and unlimited powers had been vested in a ruler who had led the people wrong. Chaplain Smith read from the Book of Mormon the account of Messiah, setting forth the desirability of a ruler being placed in office by the votes of the people. This is the plan as sanctioned by the Lord, and it shall yet come to all nations.

Brief remarks were made by Elders Whipple and Sanders.

President Holland said that he was soon to be released to return home, and he bore testimony to the mission of the Prophet Joseph Smith; also thanked the saints for their kindness and support, and blessed them for the same.

President George Albert Smith referred to an experience in Italy, where he had been told that at one time the churches in that land possessed fonts that were used for baptism by immersion; also he had been told that the Parish church of Bradford once possessed a baptismal font. Men have arrogated to themselves the authority to change the ordinances of the gospel. God never had done such a thing. The universal apostasy had made a restoration necessary, and it was accomplished, by the calling by the Lord through direct revelation, of the Prophet Joseph Smith, when he was a boy. God the Father and His Son Jesus Christ appeared to him, and a new dispensation was ushered in. President Smith said the Latter-day Saints, in order to be in good fellowship, must sustain the laws of the land wherein they reside, and he was glad that that had always been done by the Church. Live the laws of God and the land, and we shall have nothing to regret when we go hence into another world.

President Richards, soon to return home, made farewell remarks

to the saints. He said they should be united in purpose, and that their aim and object should be to preach the gospel to the people of the world. The speaker said the world was in spiritual darkness, and the inhabitants thereof sought an easy salvation through compliance with easy ordinances, which was a most abominable doctrine in the sight of God. Let us encourage our associates in well doing, and exhort them to repent, and be baptized for the remission of their sins, that they may receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. President Richards commented on Isaiah 29: 13, 14. Said that officers should be just as willing to be released from office as they are to be called. Presiding officers should not exercise unrighteous dominion over people whom they preside over. Saints should be united and pray for their officers, and then God will bless and help them.

During this session, the choir rendered an anthem, and vocal solos were sung by Mrs. Lily Bramfitt and Sister Flo Higgins.

Immediately after this meeting, an open-air meeting was held when the elders and lady missionaries preached the gospel to a large crowd. Many strangers asked for literature after the meeting.

At 9 a.m. Presidents George F. Richards and George Albert Smith met with the traveling elders. The conference presidents reported conditions of their conferences, and all expressed their joy in the work. Presidents Richards and Smith gave many good instructions to the elders. At this meeting, Brother Clement LeRoy Atterton was ordained an elder and set apart as a missionary in the British Mission.

REGINALD H. SANDERS, Conference Secretary.

FROM THE MISSION FIELD.

Ordination and Appointment.—At Bradford, June 29th, 1919, Brother Clement LeRoy Atterton, of Grimsby, was ordained an elder, and set apart as a missionary in the British Mission, by President George F. Richards. Elder Atterton is appointed to labor in the Leeds conference.

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